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1. The spinning mill at Nejdek, 12 kilometers NW of Karlovy Vary, is the largest of three spinning mills now in operation in Czechoslovakia and is said to be one of the few which is operating profitably.
2. The mill currently employs upwards of 3000 workers on two shifts per day. Formerly the labor force was almost entirely German; but, since most of these have been moved out of the country, their places have been rapidly filled by Czechs. Despite the sweeping nature of the German transfer, 800 are still being kept as experts to teach the newcomers. These Germans are classified as specialists against whom no special discriminations are made. They draw Czech rations and do not wear the white armbands.
3. The plant has a spinning capacity of 120,000 kilograms of yarn monthly. However, ~~on the basis of the use of combed tops and not on raw wool.~~ The mill does not draw a sufficient ration of wool from the government and has, therefore, taken on contract work where wool for spinning is brought in from abroad. One such contract, is for 40,000 kilograms of yarn for a New York firm.
4. In the management of the mill the Czechs are still retaining a German expert named Nitz, who is in charge of raw wool and very anxious to leave the country but unable to obtain his release. Also in the management is an Austrian, Trenth, who handles the export of yarn. The rest of the management is made up of Czechs who came to Nejdek after the war. Among them is a certain Malat, the general manager, Dostal, a director, and Mr. Forst, an expert on hand-knitting yarns.

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